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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer (Strategic Programs)

SUBJECT : Detecting Mobile ICBMs in the USSR

1. The attached Photographic Interpretation Report is being given standard distribution to intelligence components. I am sending this extra copy directly to you as well as to heads of other relevant analytical, collection, and PI efforts to emphasize my view that we need to have especially familiar working relationships on the problem of detecting mobile ICBM deployment in the USSR, if and when it happens.

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2. I grant that the [ ] activity described in this report may not be related to mobile ICBMs. Even so, this activity illustrates the difficulty which PIs -- and, consequently, analysts -- will have in finding and sizing the extent of any Soviet mobile ICBM deployment. I solicit the assistance of your personnel in postulating the kinds of equipments, structures, prepared positions and the like which could be attendant to a mobile ICBM deployment and which would offer key signature items for NPIC and other PIs to watch for as they review photography.

3. NPIC presently has assigned [ ] PIs to searching all satellite photo coverages of Soviet territory. We have provided and shall continue to provide these PIs with all the clues we and they can imagine to strengthen their ability to recognize and report possible signs of mobile ICBM deployment. Your contribution to this effort can only help.

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4. I assume that GMAIC provides the appropriate focal point for the special interaction and communication I am asking on this subject. I have designated [ ] of NPIC's Imagery Exploitation Group as the NPIC officer responsible for coordinating our efforts on this problem.

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